New Battleship Alabama Is Assembled to Music

NORFOLK VA.—A new ingredient is going into the building of the 35,000-ton battleship Alabama. It's the same stuff that Negro section bands have been putting into track-laying for the railroads for years and Commander W. McL. Hague, superintendent for construction at the Norfolk Navy yard, said it seems to be good for warships as well.

The "stuff" is music, sweet and swing, classic and corny. The several thousand workmen getting the new battlewagon ready for her launching next February hear six concerts daily from phonograph records played through an amplifying system.

On the premise that music provides a needed contrast to the clutter of riveting machines and helps relieve the pressure on the workmen, Commander Hague established his hipside symphony some time ago with four music periods during two of the shifts and two other periods during layoffs for lunch.

Soldiers Hit Jackpot In Dispensing Machine

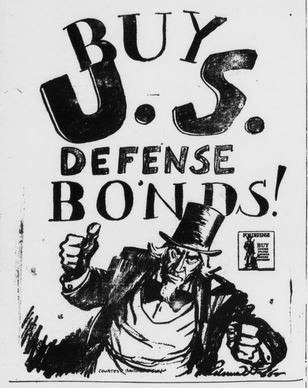
CAMP WOLTERS, TEXAS.—There was a great deal of scurrying and scampering in the office of the Camp Wolters motor pool the other day. Mechanics dropped their tools, truck drivers and chauffeurs came a-running and clerks put down their ledgers. Primed with two nickels, a soft-drink dispensing machine in the office gave out with three cases of pop before it was empty.

Throws His Gun Away, But He Gets the Bird

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Police Detective Thomas McGavin went hunting.

Eyeing a pheasant, McGavin fired and missed. He saw, fired at and missed three.

When he saw a fourth in undergrowth he stood astride his gun and stalked the bird. McGavin brought it back alive.



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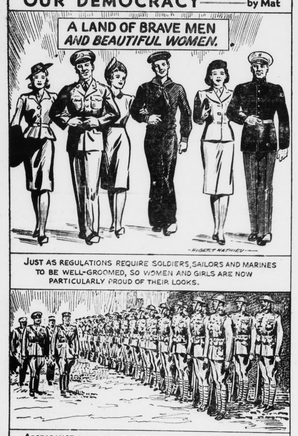

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Our Iceland Force Is Well Equipped

Has Comforts and Clothing Superior to British.

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND.—A regiment of trained soldiers recruited from the factories and farms of Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky and with a history studded with battle honors from Bull Run to the Argonne, forms a prominent part of the American fighting force on Iceland.

Most striking is their superiority in clothing, articles of comfort and armament over British infantry here.

Like old soldiers the Americans settled down in their heated, storm-proof Nissen huts. There were no complaints about the cold.

One company has an orderly room which would put some of the British officers messes to shame. Its furnishings included overstuffed chairs and couches of modern design, a table tennis outfit, radio and magazine rack.

In the officers club the Americans are preparing for a dance for army nurses and local girls. The club has the same furnishings as that for the enlisted men with the addition of a "juke box," bar and four slot machines. Over the bar is the newly designed red, white and blue insignie of Field Force Four, the regimental insigne and the Great Seal of the United States.

Enlisted men and officers have plenty of blankets and heavy clothing against the arctic blasts. In addition to the blue denim work clothes, field and garrison uniforms and coats, they have received fur caps, wool-lined mackinaws, heavy galoshes, gloves, five pairs of shoes and heavy underclothes and socks.

The men are eager to show the workings of their new Garand rifles.

New Lens on Telescope Seeks Hot Bright Stars

PASADENA, CALIF.—Recent development of photographic plates sensitive to red light has led the Mount Wilson observatory to remodel its 10-inch telescope for a search for distant, hot bright stars.

A prism is attached to the telescope for studying the stars by their spectrums. The lens used with it originally was designed to focus on the blue light from stars.

Dr. Frank E. Ross, optical consultant on the 200-inch telescope for Mt. Palomar, has designed a lens for the 10-inch instrument which will focus on the red and yellow end of the spectrum.

E. C. Williams of the Mount Wilson instrument shop, developed a variable-speed driving device by which astronomers can press a button and obtain any desired movement of the telescope. Most telescopes are kept focused on a star by a clock drive.

The new device eliminates the necessity of adjusting for temperature changes and makes it possible, according to Dr. Paul W. Merrill, to spread out the light of a star for spectrographic studies.

Vitamins in Oranges Help in Surgical Cases

LOS ANGELES.—Vitamins found in oranges and vegetables are playing a new part in surgical operations.

"Administration of the proper vitamin doses before an operation is serving materially to reduce fatalities," says Dr. Clinton H. Thienes, pharmacology professor of the University of Southern California.

He told a meeting of the Southern California Chapter, American College of Surgeons, that vitamin C, obtained from oranges and other citrus fruits, increases the ability of the body to produce fibrous tissue in scar areas.

Dr. Thienes added that vegetables produce vitamin K, which prevents post-operative hemorrhage by inducing proper blood coagulation.

Administration of these vitamins was necessary only in cases of persons showing a deficiency in them, he explained. A week's treatment, given through the mouth, would prepare the ordinary patient for the operation. In an emergency, however, he said, the vitamins were injected into the veins.

Helper's Dream Saves Life of Safe Expert

NEW YORK.—Locksmith Charles M. Courtney was about to open a safe with a drill and blow torch when an assistant suggested he try to pick the lock.

The assistant had had a dream that a safe blew up as they were opening it.

Courtney picked the lock, opened the safe and found two sticks of dynamite in it. Had he used the torch, he, his assistant and the house would have been "blown to smithereens," he said.

It's the Little One That Really Got Away

RICHMOND, VA. — John E. Payne Jr. tells about the little one that got away after trying his ankle for bait. Payne removed his socks and shoes to wade into the stream and cast. He felt a stinging sensation in his foot and looked down to find a silver perch charging fiercely. It was too small to catch.

Lights of New York

by L. L. STEVENSON

Close Call: At Forty-third street and Eighth avenue, a young man sat in a second-story window watching the streams of vehicles and pedestrians. Suddenly he fell from his perch and struck on the cement sidewalk. A crowd collected immediately of course and there was confusion until two policemen, who seemed to spring up from nowhere, took charge. Then an ambulance gonged up and a brisk, white-coated interne hopped out. The doctor made a quick, but thorough examination of the one who had taken the tumble and who by that time was sitting up. The only injury found was a minor cut over one eye. So the doctor took some stitches, taped on a bandage, hopped into the ambulance and was whisked away. The cause of the excitement went back upstairs and as he did so, he was followed by assertions of bystanders that he surely must be made of rubber.

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Industry: A writing man who early this year bought a large farm in Connecticut, came to town the other night to see "Anne of England." In the theater lobby between acts he was surrounded by a group of friends, most of whom had dreams of some day becoming farm owners. Quite naturally his rural holdings were the subject of discussion, and there were assertions that, in addition to doing farm work, he must have been quite busy turning words to support his acres. The reply was that he had spent the entire summer writing, yet the farm had returned a net profit of $125. There were numerous expressions of disbelief since even city dwellers know that farms mean toil, especially if there is a cash return. But a simple explanation silenced the scoffers. The writer had derived his revenue by renting the pasture to the owner of a herd of cows.

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Open Space: Speaking of a pasture, brings Battery park to mind. Before the Brooklyn tunnel operations were started, the park was a smoothly clipped, wide expanse of lawn. But when the digging began, the park department gave up cutting the grass with the result that by the time fall finally came, the park looked much like a hay field. Derelicts found the long, tangled grass a boon since, with nothing to hinder them, they had merely to stretch out and snooze away sunny hours. Young lovers also used the long grass as a hand-holding place, there being a certain amount of concealment while the romance of the situation was increased by looking out to sea.

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Taxes: The government increase in the liquor levy has brought additional business to New York glassware dealers. Not only did most dispensers hoist the price a nickel or more a drink, but they also decreased the size of the shot, those who in the past served an ounce and a half cutting down to an ounce and a quarter while those who served an ounce and a quarter dropped to an ounce. That, of course, made it necessary to purchase new supplies of glasses. Incidentally, the tax increase is 25 cents a quart or 20 cents a fifth. So while the drinker gets less, the dealer gets more. And that caused a candid tavern keeper to remark that there was more money in selling taxes than in selling wet merchandise.

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Absent-minded: That New Yorkers are indeed forgetful was shown by the recent auction of articles that had been found in Interborough subway trains and had remained unclaimed. Among them were 25 sets of false teeth which went to a bidder for $11, though what use he would make of them was not disclosed. There were 5,000 umbrellas, enough books for a branch library, keys, 335 suit cases, 150 bags, four footballs, several mirrors (one quite large), guitars and other musical instruments as well as bird cages and crutches. The explanation for the crutches was that supposedly crippled beggars shed them hastily when a cop came along.

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They Say: Richard Kollmar points out that some gals use a pill to get rid of a headache, but smart ones use a headache to get rid of a pill

Hi Brown declares the marriage altar is nothing more than a term invented by an Englishman who dropped his "h's."

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End Piece: The acme of something or other is the story of the son of rich parents who had inherited none of his parents' brains and who had been brought up on the theory that anything worth while costs money. So when he went to the information booth in Grand Central Terminal to get a timetable, he asked how much it was.

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Live in Open Boat 15 Days on Daily Biscuit

DUBLIN.—Nineteen survivors of three ships torpedoed while in convoy landed on the coast of County Galway after a 1,000-mile open-boat voyage.

The men had lived on one biscuit a day each for 15 days. Three of the 22 in the boat died of exposure and were buried at sea.

Wool Inedible for Moths, Science's New Discovery

WASHINGTON.— Science held out hope to the housewife and others of making woolen articles safe from moths and heavy-handed laundresses.

The bureau of standards and Textile foundation announced discovery of a chemical treatment which shows promise of making wool less edible for moths, less sensitive to alkaline factors in soap and less likely to shrink.

Industrial trials will be given the process before a final decision on its worth.

Mule's Appetite Fatal, Eats Too Much Steel

FORT WORTH.—Mary, a seven-year-old mule, had a big mouth and a tremendous appetite for hay.

That was her downfall.

The mule lay down and died and it puzzled the owner, J. H. McPherson, so he performed an autopsy. He found Mary had swallowed a steel buggy spring.

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Hixburg News

Hixburg, Dec. 30.- Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Marshall and son spent Sunday with Mrs. E. W. Gilliam.

Miss Gertrude Sears spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sears, of Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Covington and son spent Sunday with her parents at Hollywood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Harwood, of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. Hall, of Johnson City, Tenn., called on Mrs. J. T. Hix and Mrs. Wilson Hix Christmas day. Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Harwood, of Victoria, and Mr and Mrs. Frank Reniff, of New York spent Friday with the Hix families.

H. L. Sears has accepted a position in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. H. C. Wheeler, Warren Perkinson and Misses Caroline and Anne Perkinson, of Crewe, came to Hixburg for a little while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sears spent Friday in the home of H. M. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Topping spent Saturday night with Mrs. E. R. Young.

Miss Kitty Carson is spending the holidays at her home, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hix, and daughter, of Lynchburg, and Jim, Woodrow and Eural Carson spent Christmas with their parents.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Mrs. C. B. Carson and John called in the home of Mrs. J. T. Hix Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. T. M. Roberts was buried December 25th at Bethel Methodist church, Buckingham. Friends offer sympathy to the bereaved family.

W. D. Hix and Ed McPhillips went to Mt. Ulla, N. C., Saturday and returned yesterday.

SAVE YOUR TIRES! You may not be able to replace them until after the war is over!

Spout Spring Events

Spout Spring, Dec. 30.- Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robertson and children, of Altavista spent last Wednesday with relatives here.

David Cyrus spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. Charlie Harris, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turner, of Norfolk, spent several days last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Sears, of Petersburg visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jones several days last week.

R. O. McGuffin spent the week-end with relatives at Bridgewater.

Miss Annie Martin, of Richmond, spent Wednesday with her mother here.

Miss Clarkie Cheatham, who is a patient at the Virginia Baptist hospital, at Lynchburg is improving.

Miss Evelyn Martin, of Petersburg spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Dovalie Martin.

Miss Erma Dickerson, of Crewe, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and children spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Hamilton, of Madisonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Asher, and small daughter visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson, recently.

Bet any Items

Bethany, Dec. 30.- Jack and Dwight Paulette and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moseley, of Portsmouth, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paulette.

Private David Paulette, of the U. S. Army spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Allen, of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Meade Crews and children of Nathalie, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cabiness and daughter, of Brookneal and Private Otis Allen, of the U. S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Deadmon and children, and Jimmy Harvey, of Petersburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Paulette and children of Prospect spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Mrs. Robert Emmert and son, Bobby, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gunter.

King Adams, of Fincastle is spending the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childers, of Roanoke, spent Monday night with Mrs. J. D. Childers.

Give to the Special Red Cross War Fund Campaign.

Rocks Personal

Rocks, Dec. 30.- Christmas passed off quietly around.

Private Richard Inge, of the U. S. Army, spent a short visit with his mother, Mrs. D. R. Inge during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and family, spent Christmas day with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Toby Inge, of Baltimore is spending sometime at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett and family, of Evergreen spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh, of Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Woodall, of Lynchburg spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Foster, of Darlington Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Callie Phillips, of Meherrin spent Wednesday night with his mother, Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Taylor and children spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Mrs. D. R. Inge and son, Toby, and Misses Ross Martin and Helen Garrett went to Lynchburg with Richard Inge Friday night. He left on the 1:30 train for Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson, of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ranson, of Clintwood were visiting in the home of Mrs. W. F. Ranson Friday night.

Daniel Hamilton, of Appomattox spent a few days with Winston Ranson last week.

Hubert Martin and daughter, Annie C., spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and son, William Carroll, spent the week-end with her father.

Mrs. B. D. Dickerson and son, Hudson, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson.

Mrs. W. R. Moore and children, of Montgomery, W. Va., spent a few days here during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson.

Mrs. E. M. Almond and children, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson of Piney River spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson.

Ethel Garrett spent Friday night with Louise and Doris Garrett, of Evergreen.

J. A. Garrett and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Paulett, of Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond went to Staunton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Cullen spent Sunday in the home of J. H. Ranson.

Mrs. W. C. Garrett and children, Louise and Margaret spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Misses Dorothy and Irene Garlinghouse, of Lynchburg visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse, during the holidays.

Rhomy Wilson, who was operated on Saturday, is improving.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson was visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Appomattox recently.

Cassie Baldwin spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. Garrett.

Stonewall Items

Stonewall, Dec. 24- (Omitted last week)- Mr. and Mrs Lawrence Wheeler and daughter, were guests of his mother, Mrs. Lee Wheeler last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Barrell, of Emporia are visiting her father, J. O. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobe, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Jobe and Miss Ruth Jobe, of Gladstone, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkin Hamilton, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamilton.

Those people here from various schools and colleges to spend the holidays include George Jennings, Thomas Jennings, Nadine Burnette, Mary Owen Carson, Faye Stratton, Doris Caldwell, and Louise Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Cocke, of Blacksburg, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings, last week.

Tom Ray Burnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnette, has been a patient in a hospital in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bradford, of Natural Bridge, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnette.

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Liberty Chapel Reporter

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 30.- The program rendered at Liberty Chapel church on the evening of Christmas Day was a success. It was well attended and much enjoyed.

Mrs. Alice Grow is spending sometime with relatives in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cline, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Irma Gray and son, Granville, were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Mollie S. Garrette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Scruggs and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Scruggs spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornhill, of Bluefield, W. Va.

John Gunter spent several days during the holidays with Mrs. Jack Caldwell, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs and children were a part of the holidays with relatives in Richmond.

Miss Barbara Caldwell, of Sport Spring, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Guntr.

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● America faces enemies that are powerful, hardened, fearless, and without honor . . . enemies that are geared to war, enemies that have built up vast reserves of war materials. We must not only fight, but must supply our Allies thousands of miles from home.

● Victory depends preponderantly upon the ability of American industry to break all world speed records in the production of armaments. For the number and quality of guns, munitions, planes, tanks and ships that are in the hands of our own brave men and those of our Allies at the precise time they battle with the enemy, will determine the fate of every man, woman and child of this nation.

● Nothing must be allowed to interfere with the full productive capacities of the nation. All controversies and bickering must be put aside. There must be no indecision, no war of nerves. We have got to pay the price, and win the victory, whatever the sacrifice in work, money, and blood.

● In the winning of the war, the railroads are indispensable. Their 1941 record is in. They handled more traffic than in the busiest year of World War I; more traffic than in the peak year of 1929.

That's their emphatic answer to talk that they couldn't do the job. And they will keep on doing the job — but they must be permitted to get the materials for repairs and to buy new equipment to meet increased war demands.

● America enters the New Year united, strong and tough, and with one grim resolution — VICTORY!

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